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SUBJECT: WATER POLLUTION TECHNICAL SALES SEMINAR

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1. EMBASSY COMMERCIAL AND SCIENCE OFFICERS MET WITH HYDROMET OFFICIALS (B.A. KUVSHINIKOV AND V.G. NOVOZHILOV) NOVEMBER 13 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED SEMINAR AND FOLLOW-UP TO BOWDEN-IZRAE) LETTER. KUVSHINIKOV HAD COPY OF LETTER, EXPRESSED PRELIMINARY AND UNOFFICIAL SOVIET INTEREST IN SEMINAR, AND STATED THAT HYDROMET WAS NOW HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH RELEVANT SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS TO DETERMINE WHO ON SOVIET SIDE WOULD COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS. EMBOFFS INDICATED PREFERENCE TO WORK THROUGH HYDROMET -- AND KUVSHINIKOV CLEARLY SHARES THIS PREFERENCE -- BUT FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE ONLY AFTER FURTHER INTER-AGENCY DISCUSSION.

2. AS TO TIMING OF SEMINAR, SPECIFIC DATES LISTED REFTL (FEB. 8-14) WERE PASSED ON TO HYDROMET WITH REQUEST THAT SOVIET REACTION BE COMMUNICATED TO US ASAP. COMOFF SUGGESTED EMBASSY'S COMMERCIAL OFFICE AS APPROPRIATE SITE FOR SEMINAR, REFERRING TO EXHIBITS AND SEMINARS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD THERE WITH SOVIET PARTICIPATION. KUVSHINIKOV NEITHER OPPOSED IDEA NOR OFFERED ALTERNATE SUGGESTIONS.

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3. EMBOFFS ALSO ASKED HYDROMET TO CONVEY TO EMBASSY ASAP

SOVIET COMMENTS ON PROPOSED THEMES FOR SEMINAR.

4. KUVSHINIKOV QUERIED EMBOFFS ON NUMBER OF AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS IN PANEL, AND EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE COMMERCE'S PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE ON SIZE OF GROUP.

5. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT IF DR. GALLER COMES TO MOSCOW END-NOVEMBER, AS CURRENTLY PLANNED, HE WILL BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING SEMINAR PREPARATIONS WITH HYDROMET, WHICH SHOULD BY THEN HAVE MORE DETAILED SOVIET REACTION TO PROPOSAL.

6. COMMERCIAL OFFICER SAM FROMOWITZ IS POST CONTROL OFFICER, AND SCIENCE OFFICER JOHN WARD WILL ASSIST IN COORDINATION WITH HYDROMET.
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